



29th September 2023

Dear parents / carers

Buddy Time

Throughout the school, we operate a Buddy system. Children are matched, in pairs, from Reception and Year 6, Year 1 and Year 5 and Year 2 and Year 4. Children in Reception have enjoyed meeting their new Year 6 Buddies. Children in Year 6 show responsibility in nurturing and caring for the youngest children in the school. All enjoyed getting to know each other, playing out in the Reception playground and also spending time inside sharing books together. Year 6 are looking forward to their session where they will share books they have made based on the creation story – one for their buddy. They hope they enjoy them.



Stone Age Fun

This week, children in Year 3 enjoyed an immersive day to bring their History Stone Age topic to life. They have been learning about the different periods of the Stone Age: the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras. They have also learnt about Stone Age settlements found at Skara Brea in Orkney. Millie – "It was really fun. We made clay animals and blew through horns whilst wearing Stone Age clothes. It was amazing and I would love to do it again. Flynn – "The Archery was great, we got to fire the bows and arrows, we also threw spears at targets with animals on them. Chopping the wood using stones was fun too. I learnt that spears used by early cavemen were shaped like a V but that later cavemen had ones that had a thin point. It was one of the best days ever!"



Road Safety

The blurb below was included in last week's newsletter from Cardinal Newman Secondary School. Some of the challenges faced don't apply to our pupils eg none of them ride electric scooters and the U-turn section they refer to is by their school and not ours. However, it is helpful to read as some of our families have children in both schools plus, some of our families continue to drop children on zig zag lines and pull up in inappropriate places

When dropping off or picking up. Thanks you for your support so that all can stay safe.

Extract from Newman's newsletter - *We had a visit this week from the police to highlight some safety issues that we need to raise with parents and carers. Firstly, please avoid doing u-turns immediately outside the main school gates. There is a tight turning circle here due to the extended pavement and we often see cars bumping up onto this to complete their turn. We're also seeing students jumping out of cars in the middle of the road and dashing across to the entrance. This is particularly concerning bearing in mind the weight of traffic on the Upper Drive at the start and end of the school day. Please only drop your child where it is safe to do so and encourage them to use the crossing. Could you please also talk to your child about safety when alighting from buses in the morning. Whilst we always try to have staff around, we also need students to understand their own responsibilities to stay safe. Lastly, the officer was alarmed to see a small number of students on electric scooters and emphasised that it is illegal to ride these on a public road or pavement, in fact they can only be used on private land, and that they pose a significant risk, whilst being ridden on the pavement and / or road and when being charged.*

Parent Consultation Meetings

3.20 pm – 6 pm

Tues 17th and Thurs 19th October

It's super that so many of you attend Parent Consultation meetings as it improves our ability to work together in order to provide the best education for your child. It's also good to hear all your comments. Parent consultations will be offered in the form of a phone consultation or face to face. We hope you find the meetings informative. **Our SchoolPing online booking system will be active for you to make appointments from 1pm Monday 2nd October. We ask that all bookings are made by Tuesday 10th October.** If you find you have any difficulties booking an appointment, please get in touch with the school office. Each consultation will last up to 10 minutes. If you would prefer the potential option of a face to face meeting, please request this at the time of booking by writing 'face to face' in the comments section. **In addition to the Parents evening consultation, you have the option of also receiving an Interim Report, which will identify your child's level of attainment, whilst also noting progress and future targets for core subjects. The contents of these will always be discussed verbally regardless of if a hard copy has been requested or not. Should you require a hard copy, we ask that you email your child's class teacher by Tuesday 10th October.** This will be discussed verbally in the meeting and a copy emailed to you straight after. The emails for every class teacher continue to be found on your child's year group page on the school website. These reports will be emailed to you, after your consultation meeting. Mrs Mullans will continue to provide extra meetings for parents of children with additional needs / SEND. Please email Mrs Mullans directly to book your appointment, for the same dates, with her; annamullans@cottesmore.brighton-hove.sch.uk. If your child is registered as having additional needs, you are able to book a consultation with their class teacher as well as an additional one with Mrs Mullans. The teachers look forward to working in partnership with you.



Wishing you an enjoyable weekend. Rachel Breen, Headteacher.

Applications for Secondary School

The closing date for applications to transfer to secondary school, in September 2024, is the **31st October 2023**.

Guidance on the application process is available on the council website here: [School application guides](#). Online applications are open on the council website here: [Apply for a school place](#). We recommend that parents apply online as this means they will receive an automatic confirmation of their application. It also means they will receive an offer from the council by email on 1st March 2024. If you are unable to apply online, you can apply by downloading an application form using this link: [Download school application forms](#). Please print the form and return the form to the school office by 15th October 2023 and we will send it to the council electronically. Email offers in response to online applications will be made after noon on 1st March 2024. Offer *letters* in response to paper applications where the parent has provided no email address will be posted first class on 1st March 2024 which means they will not be received until after 1st March. **No decisions will be given by telephone.**

Parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea

(St Theresa's, Southwick & St George's, West Blatchington)
For families looking for First Holy Communion for their children in May 2024 (those who have a child in Year 3 or above), there will be an Information Evening for Families on Friday 6th October, 6pm, at St Theresa's, Old Shoreham Road, Southwick. Full details of dates and times will be available at that meeting. No need to book, just turn up. Children welcome! For more information contact the parish office: westhove@abdiocese.org.uk

Collecting children during school hours A reminder that all routine dentist and doctor appointments, for children, are required to be made out of school hours or during school holidays. Children are not meant to be taken out of school in the middle of the school day, or come to school late or be picked up early because of appointments. If there is an emergency and this can't be followed, our Local Authority standardised attendance policy requires you to complete an appointment request form (different from an absence request form), noting the reason that the appointment has to take place within school hours (for example, some hospital appointments can't be changed) and we will also need proof of appointment. If you do need to collect your child during school hours, for any planned medical appointments, the office need to receive notification 2 days in advance. However, we appreciate that on the rare occasion there may be an emergency and that this won't be possible. Please only email the school office about appointments and not class teachers as these will not always be passed on. Office emails are checked daily. However should there be staff absence, they may only be checked once a day. However, providing 2 days notice has been given, this shouldn't be a problem. If in doubt, you can always call the office. Again, please do not email class teachers. The new appointment request form will soon be available on the Attendance page of the school website.

Head Lice If you suspect your child to have head lice, please keep the school informed so that we can inform others and remind them to also check at home. It is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

Some simple advice to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum -

- Check your child's hair once a week and use a proper detection comb – with teeth no more than 0.3mm apart to trap head lice.
- If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist to check the whole family. Further advice on the treatment of head lice can be found on NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

Praying the Rosary at St Peters

This Sunday, 1st October, is Rosary Sunday, being the first Sunday in the month dedicated to the Rosary. In the past we have bought lots of Rosaries and given them away. This year we propose something different, namely a Rosary Amnesty. If you have any unused sets of beads, please bring them to Church where they can be left on the ends of the benches and taken by someone who needs a set of beads. In addition, we shall have leaflets for all on how to use the Rosary beads, in other words how to pray the Rosary. Also on the 1st October, coincidentally, the Martlets Choir are singing in the Hall after the 10am and 11.30am Masses; please come and hear them and donate generously to this cause and please be there to spread awareness of their excellent work.

Martlet's Choir at St Peter's

On Sunday 1st October, the Martlet's Choir will be visiting Saint Peter's and will serenade all in the Hall after the 10am Mass and after the 11.30am Mass. Please come and hear them sing! A bucket will be passed round as part of the fundraiser. Naturally, St Peter's support the Martlet's and its work of caring for the terminally sick, so this is a good chance for us to raise some money for them.

Harvest

We will celebrate Harvest for KS1 children, and their families, with individual Harvest assemblies.

These will take place in the Forest School area, at 9am, for approximately 20 min.

Year 2 - Tuesday 10th October at 9am

Year 1 - Wednesday 11th October at 9am

Reception - Friday 13th October at 9am

Please can all children dress in **autumnal coloured clothes**, on their assembly day (no football kits). Once you have dropped your child off with the class teachers in the infant playground, please head straight to the Forest School area on the field.

We had arranged to celebrate KS2 Harvest Mass on the 12th of October. However, all priests have since been asked to attend Diocesan training on that day so are unable to attend. **We have** tried to find alternative dates but with no success. Instead, we have invited City Mission to deliver an assembly to the children, noting how their charity helps people in the city during this time. Children won't participate per se but it will be a worthwhile, informative and enjoyable gathering. Parents are welcome to join. **Year 3 and 4 will take place on 12th October at 9am, in the school hall, and Years 5 and 6 will take place at 9.35am.** Children in Year 6 have been invited to a special Harvest Mass at Cardinal Newman School with other Year 6 classes from across the Deanery on Monday 16th October. This is an event for children only. If you can volunteer to help with this, please email Year 6 teachers directly.

We ask for your support, at Harvest, to help with our annual collection of food or money for our local food bank based at **St. George's church - Hangleton and West Blatchington Food Bank** as well as for **City Mission**. Donations of food will be collected across the week beginning **9th of October** and retiring collections will take place at the end of each event. Please see the list of much needed food below to see how your family can help. Any contributions are to be left in the KS2 shelter. Every contribution is gratefully received.





Harvest Appeal October 2023

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me..."
Matthew 25.35



Volunteers from the local community working together at the Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank

07990 631892

info@hangletonfoodbank.org

www.hangletonfoodbank.org

This Harvest time, please help us to continue to support members of our local community who find themselves in crisis or urgent situations.

We are asking for donations of the following items which will be passed onto clients who are referred to the Foodbank.

UHT Milk	Jam/marmalade
Sugar	Peanutbutter
Cooking oil	Biscuits
Long life fruit juice	Shaving foam
Pasta sauces	Deodorant
Cook in sauces	Shower gel
Tinned tomatoes	Washing powder
Tinned meat	Washing up liquid
Tinned fish	Feminine hygiene products
Rice pudding	Toothpaste
Custard	Toothbrushes
Rice	Tea or Coffee

Testimonials

Your support really does help make a difference.

"We are eating a hot meal every night without worrying."

"Before we couldn't have lunches. We saw our daughter losing weight. She is now eating 3 meals a day and regaining weight."

"Without your food stuffs I would literally starve."

With thanks from the volunteers, staff and trustees of the Hangleton & West Blatchington Foodbank.

HARVEST COLLECTION 2023

THIS HARVEST WE NEED YOU...
PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP THOSE WHO
ARE IN CRISIS THIS AUTUMN

FOOD DONATIONS WELCOME
OUR MOST NEEDED ITEMS ARE:



PASTA SAUCES // PASTA // HONEY // TINNED MEAT // INSTANT COFFEE



A GIFT OF £35 WILL ENABLE A CLIENT IN
CRISIS TO RECEIVE A FOOD PARCEL

PLEASE SCAN THIS QR CODE TO DONATE TOWARD OUR HARVEST APPEAL



**BRIGHTON & HOVE
CITY MISSION**

— SINCE 1849 —

— BECAUSE JESUS LOVES THIS CITY —



 **CARDINAL NEWMAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

OPEN EVENT

Thursday 19 October

01273 558551
www.cncs.co.uk
reception@cncs.co.uk

Cardinal Newman School Open Event

This year, we will be hosting our Open Event on Thursday 19th October. If you have a child in Year 6, then please keep this date free, as we would love for you to attend and find out more about our School. We will be hosting daytime tours at 9:15am, 11:15am and 12:15pm as well as an Open Evening session 4pm - 6:30pm. Bookings for the daytime tours will be open from Monday 2nd October, so please look out for more information on our website and social media channels.

LOGO SPORTS

SCHOOLWEAR WORKWEAR SPORTSWEAR

HALF TERM OFFER
10% OFF ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM
PURCHASED ONLINE
BETWEEN OCTOBER 23rd & 29th

Industrial House, Conway Street,
Hove, BN3 3LW
Telephone: 01273 321209
Monday-Friday 9.00am to 5.00

Visit our website, logosports.co.uk

All internet orders are dispatched by courier
to your preferred delivery address

Internet discount code: HALFTERM10

This offer is only valid on items purchased between 23/10/23 & 29/10/23



Cardinal Newman's Refill Shop!!!

MINIML non-toxic, vegan, cruelty-free, British-made products:

- washing up liquid
- laundry liquid
- fabric softener
- hand soap
- body wash
- shampoo and conditioner

Faith in Nature: soap bars, shampoo and conditioner bars

NEXT OPENING:

Tuesday 26th September 2023

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OCTOBER = MONTH OF THE ROSARY and BLACK HISTORY MONTH	
MONDAY 2 nd	Year 6 Bikeability
TUESDAY 3 rd	Year 6 Bikeability
WEDNESDAY 4 th	- Year 1 St Teresa Forest School am - Year 4 St Cuthman Forest School pm
THURSDAY 5 th	- Year 5 Beach School Trip - Year 4 Fishbourne School Trip - Year 5 and 6 Albion Cup boys football tournament for those selected (Lancing).
FRIDAY 6 th	- Year 6 Swimming - Year 2 Beach School Trip - Year 5 and 6 girls football tournament for those selected (Whitehawk).
MONDAY 9 th	- After school Book Swap - Year 6 Visit to Afori Bookshop
TUESDAY 10 th	- World Mental Health Day – wear yellow (or rainbow if no yellow) 9am – Year 2 Harvest. Forest School, parents welcome - Year 5 Visit to Afori Bookshop
WEDNESDAY 11 th	9am – Year 1 Harvest. Forest School, parents welcome - Year 1 St George Forest School am - Year 4 St Lewinna Forest School pm
THURSDAY 12 th	9am KS2 Year 3 and 4 assembly by City Mission, parents welcome. 9.35am KS2 Year 3 and 4 assembly by City Mission, parents welcome. - Year 5 and 6 Albion Cup girls football tournament for those selected (Lancing).
FRIDAY 13 th	9am – Year Reception Harvest. Forest School, parents welcome - Year 6 swimming - Reception Disco 4.30pm - 5.45pm
MONDAY 16 th	Year 6 Harvest Mass (with other schools), Newman. Children only.
TUESDAY 17 th	- Parent Consultation phone calls and SEN 3.20pm – 6pm - PTA AGM 7pm school hall – all welcome.
WEDNESDAY 18 th	- Honeypot celebration - Cardinal Newman Open Evening for Year 6 children and families - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School am - Year 3 St Martin Forest School pm - PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
THURSDAY 19 th	- Show Racism the Red Card Day - wear red today - KS2 author visit – more info to come. - Parent Consultation phone calls and SEN 3.20pm – 6pm - Poetry Day
FRIDAY 20 th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October Outdoors Project Holiday Club on school field	
OCTOBER/NOVEMBER	
MONDAY 30 th	PTA Halloween Cake Sale after school – please bring in shop bought / homemade donations and leave them in the KS2 structure before school. Nothing containing nuts.
TUESDAY 31 st	9am – 10am School Tours for Reception 2024 - Closing date for secondary school applications
WEDNESDAY 1 st	9am -10am School Tours for Reception 2024 - Year 1 St George Forest School am TBC Forest School
THURSDAY 2 nd	9am -10am School Tours for Reception 2024
FRIDAY 3 rd	- Year 6 swimming - Non school uniform in exchange for wine for the PTA Christmas Fayre - Year 3 and 4 PTA Film Show after school – more info to come.
MONDAY 6 th	- Judaism Fortnight 9am – 10am School Tours for Reception 2023
TUESDAY 7 th	9am – 10am School Tours for Reception 2023
WEDNESDAY 8 th	9am – 10am School Tours for Reception 2023 - Year 1 St Teresa Forest School am TBC KS2 Forest School pm
THURSDAY 9 th	Individual and sibling school photographs – all to wear school uniform eg no Forest School or PE clothes today
FRIDAY 10 th	- Remembrance Day (Remembrance Sunday is Sunday 12th) - World Science Day - Year 6 swimming - Possible Year 3 PTA disco after school – more info to come

MONDAY 13 th	- Anti-Bullying Week - wear odd socks (World Kindness Day was Sunday 12th) 9am – 10am School Tours for Reception 2022 - Judaism Fortnight
TUESDAY 14 th	Flu Vaccination – all years
WEDNESDAY 15 th	9am -10am School Tours for Reception 2023 - Year 1 St George Forest School am - TBC KS2 Forest School pm
THURSDAY 16 th	9am -10am School Tours for Reception 2023 - Rabi visit
FRIDAY 17 th	- Children in Need – non school uniform in exchange for money towards collection. - Year 6 swimming
MONDAY 20 th	
TUESDAY 21 st	
WEDNESDAY 22 nd	- Year 1 St Teresa Forest School am - TBC KS2 Forest School pm
THURSDAY 23 rd	
FRIDAY 24 th	Year 6 swimming Non school uniform day in exchange of Christmas boxes of biscuits, chocolates or cakes that will be used at the PTA Advent Fair.
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER	
MONDAY 27 th	
TUESDAY 28 th	
WEDNESDAY 29 th	- Year 1 St George Forest School am - TBC KS2 Forest School pm
THURSDAY 30 th	
FRIDAY 1 st	Advent begins PTA Advent Fair 3.15pm – 4.45pm.
DECEMBER	
MONDAY 4 th	
TUESDAY 5 th	
WEDNESDAY 6 th	- Year 1 St Teresa Forest School am - TBC KS2 Forest School pm - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – Rainbow Theatre show at school - Choir to perform at Brighton Centre am and evening – info to come
THURSDAY 7 th	
FRIDAY 8 th	Year 3 and 4 PTA Film Show after school – more info to come.
MONDAY 11 th	Year 6 Nativity – 2.30pm
TUESDAY 12 th	Year 2 Nativity - 9.15am Year 5 Nativity – 2.30pm
WEDNESDAY 13 th	- Year 1 Nativity - 9.15am - Year 4 Nativity – 2.30pm - Christmas Dinners: KS2 (these year groups wear Christmas jumper / colourful clothes) - Honeypot celebration – home clothes for selected children
THURSDAY 14 th	- Reception Nativity - 9.15am - Christmas Dinners: KS1 (these year groups wear Christmas jumpers/ colourful clothes) - Y3 Nativity – 2.30pm - PTA uniform sale after school – items between £1 and £2
FRIDAY 15 th	- Class parties for all school (whole school to wear Christmas jumpers / colourful clothes) and Father Christmas to visit Reception – Year 3. - School finishes for Christmas holidays
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Monday 18th December – Friday 29th December	
JANUARY 2024	
MONDAY 1 st	Bank Holiday – school closed
TUESDAY 2 nd	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
WEDNESDAY 3 rd	Pupils return to school
THURSDAY 4 th	
FRIDAY 5 th	